

REMARKS

THE AMENDMENTS

Page 1 of the specification has been amended to insert full details of the applications from which priority is claimed. The other amendments to the specification are substantially the same as those made in the parent application. The amendments to page 10, lines 3-9, insert further information about the conventional way in which values of T_o and T_p are measured. The amendments to page 10, line 27-page 11, line 26, insert the conventional meanings of the terms "unsaturated polyester" and "vinyl ester". The amendments to page 17, line 25-page 18, line 5, correct errors noted by the Examiner in the parent application.

Claim 44 has been amended in the way suggested by the Examiner to overcome the rejection of 35 U.S.C. 112.

Independent claim 110, and claims 111 to 115 dependent thereon, have been added to claim specific embodiments of the invention. Basis for the various features of these claims will be found on Page 31, lines 18 -19 and 30, for the use of the compositions to prepare powder coatings, and in claims 1, 12-14, 16, 18 and 24 for the other features of the new claims.

After amendment as requested above, the claims in the applications are claims 1 and 10-115.

FORM PTO-1449

The Examiner is thanked for signing and returning the PTO-1449's from the parent case. The PTO-1449's filed with the application did not contain any additional prior art. A further IDS accompanies this Reply.

THE REJECTION OF CLAIM 44 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 44 under 35 U.S.C. 112, having regard to the amendment made to claim 44

THE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer of U.S. Patent No. 6,492 462 in order to overcome the double patenting rejection.

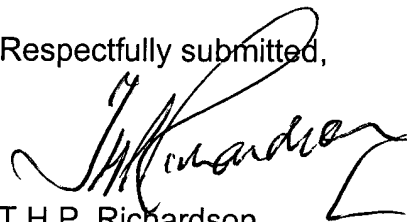
CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

As noted in the Introductory Remarks, in the paper entitled "Second Preliminary Amendment and Request for Corrected Filing Receipt" mailed March 26, 2001, Applicants requested a Corrected Filing Receipt. The Office Action mailed April 15, 2003, does not comment on the request for a Corrected Filing Receipt. Attached hereto is a Petition for a Corrected Filing Receipt. If the Examiner is not able to respond to the earlier request for a corrected Filing Receipt, he is asked to forward the petition to the Petitions Branch.

CONCLUSION

It is believe that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such action at an early date is earnestly requested. If, however, there are any outstanding points that could be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T.H.P. Richardson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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